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Bank robber is sentenced to more than 12 years in prison

A federal judge has sentenced **Jarette Falcione**, 31, of Hyde Park, MA, to 151 months in federal prison – 12 years and seven months -- for a robbery at a Citizens Bank supermarket branch in Pawtucket in March.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed on November 4 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In June, Falcione pleaded guilty to a federal bank robbery charge. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on March 26, Falcione entered the Stop & Shop supermarket on Cottage Street with another man, **Sean Philbrook**, who approached the Citizens Bank counter and handed a teller a threatening note demanding money. The pair fled the bank with \$3,541 and were arrested the next day at a hotel in Dedham, Massachusetts.

Falcione was sentenced as a career offender, which, under federal sentencing guidelines, applies to a defendant who is convicted of a violent felony or drug offense after at least two prior convictions for violent felonies or drug offenses. Falcione has several prior drug-trafficking convictions in Massachusetts.

Philbrook, 32, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, has pleaded guilty to bank robbery and is detained awaiting sentencing.

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Pawtucket Police and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** investigated the robbery, with assistance from **Dedham Police**. Assistant U.S. Attorney Leavey prosecuted the case as part of **Project Bank Safe**, a concerted effort to prosecute federally “note jobs,” bank robberies that entail threatening notes but no weapons.

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